

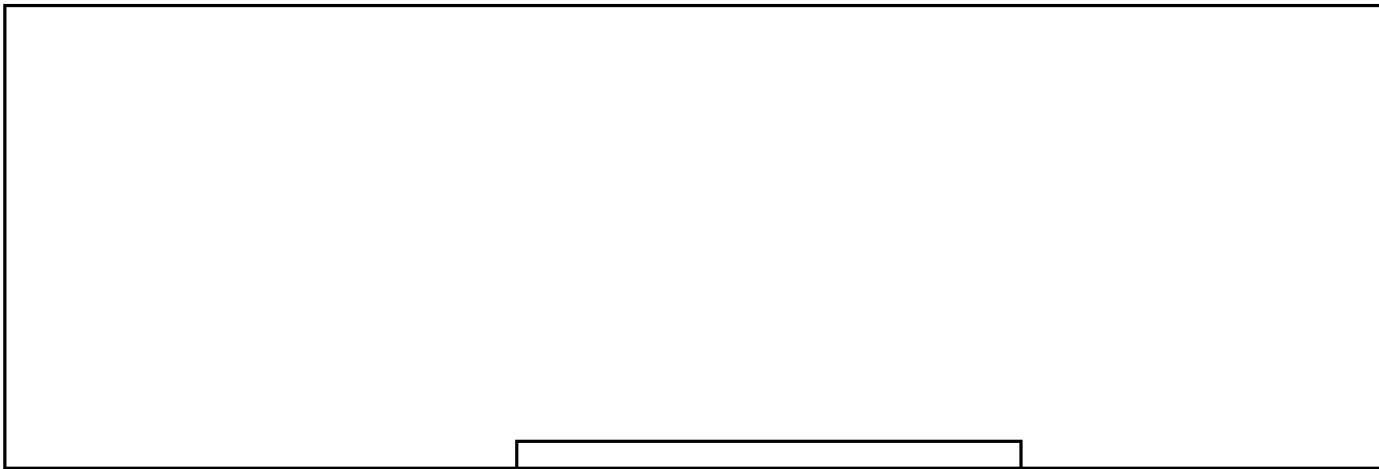
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4. [REDACTED] Left with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, and with the staffs of the Senate Armed Services Committee, House Armed Services Committee, and House Appropriations Defense Subcommittees copies of the FBIS take on the Hanoi radio broadcast covering the Vietnam peace agreement.

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1. Met with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, who said he expected Senator Stennis to return to Washington soon after the elections. He sees no possibility that Congress will be called back before the end of the year. When it is, Stennis hopes to focus the attention of the Committee on NATO and Western Europe, which he has been concerned about for some time but has not had an opportunity to go into. Mr. Braswell said that we may be called on for briefings regarding the Communist threat in Western Europe and the effectiveness of the contribution of other NATO members in countering this threat.

We talked about the McGarvey book and I explained to Braswell that many of its allegations were apparently based on hearsay and rumor, a great deal of what he said was a gross distortion of the facts, and much of it was pure nonsense. I also noted that he had not worked in the Agency for some years and many of his complaints concerned the Pentagon. I told Braswell we weren't bothering to respond to most of his charges, but if asked we would flatly and emphatically deny the allegations that the Director had the phones of his deputies tapped. I also explained that our review of the book from a security standpoint had been limited only to matters of major security significance and not factual accuracy.

In answer to my question about the possibility of Republican control of the Senate, Braswell said he had raised this the other day with a high Administration official who had responded, "My God, this is one luxury we just can't afford."

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14. [REDACTED] Mr. John Goldsmith, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, came to the Agency this afternoon for a briefing on the situation in Southeast Asia especially Vietnam, Laos, and Thailand in preparation for his trip to that area on Thursday. Present from the Agency were: Messrs. [REDACTED]

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